

JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE FOR RETIRED JUDGES/JUSTICES

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying: Retired/active circuit court judge

1. Name: The Honorable Charles Victor Pyle, Jr.

Name that you are known by if different from above : Charlie and Vic

Business Address: 305 E. North St., Ste. 118,

Greenville, SC 29601

Telephone Number: (office): 864 467 8751

2. Date of Birth: 1934

Place of Birth: Greenville, SC

3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes

Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes

- 5. Family Status: Married to Suzanne Reynolds Pyle. Never divorced, three children.
- 6. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

 I have attended the annual Judicial conferences, the annual conferences of the Circuit Court Judges, and the annual meetings of the SC Trial Attorneys and SC Defense Trial Attorneys Assn.
- 7. Have you practiced law or served as a mediator or arbitrator since your retirement from the judiciary?
 No
- 8. List your positions of employment on and/or appointment to the bench chronologically. You are not required to list dates of employment or appointment prior to your last screening. None
- Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise?
 Explain the nature of the business, your duties, and the term of your service.
 No
- 10. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
- 11. Since your last screening, have you been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation or county or municipal law, regulation or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law?

 No
- 12. Since your last screening, have you, to your knowledge, been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute?

 No
- 13. Since your last screening, has a tax lien or other collection procedure been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Since your last screening, have you defaulted on a student loan? Since your last screening, have you filed for bankruptcy?
- 14. Since your last screening, have you been sued, either personally or professionally? If so, give details.

No

- 16. Since your last screening, have you been criticized, whether informally or in a matter taken to a disciplinary authority, for the manner in which you treated litigants or attorneys before you on the bench?
 - No, not to my knowledge.
- 17. Describe your personal policy for the acceptance of food, meals, beverages, lodging, transportation, entertainment, social hospitality, or other things of value from an attorney, a group of attorneys, or from other individuals.

 I engage in ordinary social hospitality with attorneys, but when out with them I do not allow
 - them to pay for anything. I also attend, as a guest, the conventions of the SC Trail Attorneys Assn. and the SC Defense Attorneys Assn.
- 18. Have you ever accepted anything of value from an attorney or litigant in a matter currently or previously before you or your court?
 - Yes. At one time, lawyers gave Christmas gifts of little value, to judges. This practice was stopped over 20 years ago. I have exchanged gifts of nominal value with lawyer friends.
- 19. Provide any other information which may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek.
 - I am a past Chair of the Advisory Committee on Standards of Judicial Conduct, and past Chair of the Judicial Standards Commission., both appointed by the Chief Justice. In 2014, The Greenville County Bar Assn. honored me with an oil portrait which hangs in the Courthouse.
- 20. For the last fully completed calendar year, itemize the income, expenses, fees, payments, or additional benefits exceeding \$500, in the aggregate, received by you or a member of your immediate family from South Carolina state and local entities. List the type, source, and amount or value of the benefit. Be sure to list any expense reimbursement you received separately from your income.
 - I received reimbursement from the Judicial Department for attending the Annual Judicial Conference and for attending the SC Circuit Judges Assoc., all at the standard rate.
- 21. Describe any interest you or a member of your immediate family has in real property:
 - (a) in which there is a potential conflict of interest with your involvement in a South Carolina state or local public agency;
 - (b) in which there have been public improvements of \$200 or that adjoins property in which there have been public improvements of \$200; or
 - (c) which was sold, leased, or rented to a state or local public agency in South Carolina. None.
 - List the interest you hold and the value and location of the property. Identify as applicable the:
 - (a) nature of any potential conflict of interest;
 - (b) nature and value of any public improvements; and
 - (c) South Carolina state or local public agency which purchased or is leasing or renting such property.
- 22. Identify any personal property interest you or a member of your immediate family sold, leased, or rented to a South Carolina state or local public agency. Identify the property, its amount or value, and the name of the agency.

None

23. Are you active on or a member of a social media or Internet site or have you, to your knowledge, been featured or depicted on a social media or Internet site, such as, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.? If so, how would your use of social media or other similar types of Internet sites be affected if you were serving in a judicial capacity?

I am a member of Facebook only for the purpose of communicating with my children, and seeing photos of my grandchildren growing up.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: s/Charles Victor Pyle, Jr.

Date: August 5, 2015